

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Togami (US 5,855,059).


Claims 10 and 12 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, withdrawn claims 1-8 and rejected claims 9 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Further, claims 10 and 12 have been amended so as to include the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, only allowable claims 10 and 12 remain pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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